



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, August 4, 2014**

**The Public Safety Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, August 4, 2014 at the Town Lake Center, 721 Barton Springs Road in Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Kim Rossmo, called the Board Meeting to order at 4:03 PM.**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Kim Rossmo  
Mike Levy  
Reynaldo Moreno (arrived at 4:05PM)  
Kent Anschutz  
Michael Lauderdale  
Sam Holt  
Mike Levy

**Board Members not in Attendance:**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

- The minutes for the regular meeting on 07/07/14 were approved on Commissioner Lauderdale's motion, Commissioner Holt's second and a 5-0 unanimous vote.

**2. Citizen Communications**

- *None*

**3. Discussion and Possible Action Items**

**a. Distracted Driving Update**

- APD Assistant Chief Brian Manley provided the Commission with a brief overview of the history and makeup of the Distracted Driving Advisory Committee, staff's stakeholder outreach efforts and the final recommendations of the group. He also alerted the Commission to the item from Council scheduled for August 7, 2014 that requests staff come back with a draft ordinance by August 28<sup>th</sup>. Chief Manley sought additional feedback from the PSC based on the final recommendations of the Advisory Committee at which time Commissioner Anschutz offered a motion in support of the advisory group's recommendations followed by Commissioner

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Lauderdale's second. After a discussion, the Commission voted 4-1 in support with Chair Rossmo voting against and Commissioner Levy abstaining.

***b. Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Update***

- AFD Chief of Staff Harry Evans reminded the Commission about their budget priorities outlined in a recommendation passed at an earlier meeting. He also spoke about the pending Special Events Report that is expected in September, the departmental financing streams for special events and the AFD budget requests made to Mayor and Council. APD Chief Brian Manley also touched on the issue of special event funding and the impact of special events on resource allocation. Chair Rossmo requested that the public safety departments come back with information about how much money has been front loaded into budgets to cover special events and how much money was spent. Commissioner Anschutz asked about the amount of forfeiture funds APD has collected over the last four or five years and how those funds were utilized. EMS Assistant Chief Jasper Brown provided the Commission with an update on EMS budget requests for FY14-15. Chief Manley, following a question from Chair Rossmo about the 911 report, briefed the Commission on staffing plans for the call center, the forensic lab, the planning and analysis unit and the budget impact of those requests. Commissioner Lauderdale asked about the 59 new police officers that have been requested in the upcoming budget process. This led to a discussion about staffing levels and recruiting and staffing practices. Commissioner Lauderdale posed a question about what public safety agencies are looking for during the recruiting process and requested that there be a discussion about the matter at a future meeting. Vice Chair Holt suggested that APD consider a reserve program to address staffing gaps. Chair Rossmo suggested that AFD, APD and EMS consider speaking to other agencies whose staffing model includes overhiring.

***c. Impact of Drought on Public Safety***

- Vice Chair Holt requested additional information about the impact of drought on public safety including development consideration. Chief Harry Evans spoke about the process for verifying the availability of water to support new development. He also acknowledged that drought as a public safety issue is a very broad topic and suggested several agencies who might could speak to the Commission including Austin Water Utility, TCEQ, the Texas Natural Resources Commission and LCRA. Chief Evans indicated that he would contact LCRA to begin that discussion.

***d. Traffic Safety Summit***

- Chair Rossmo spoke about the August 5, 2014 Traffic Safety Symposium in which he would be participating as a panel member.

**4. Discussion Regarding Potential Future Agenda Items**

- Agent Thrash and Colleagues – Commissioner Lauderdale will make contact

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- LCRA – long term water needs and planning
- SXSX Report - September
- Dr. Ziebell – possibly in October
- 911 Report
- Proposed changes in code requirements for spacing of stairwells in high rise buildings – September

**5. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Holt, seconded by Commissioner Anschutz. Meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.